GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

AHDD&F (Fisheries) Department - Introduction of Licensing system in Munchingiputtu Back Waters (Matsyagedda) Reservoir of Alluri Sitharama Raju District from Fasli 1434 - Permission accorded - Orders - Issued.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRY DEVELOPMENT & FISHERIES (FISH) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 96 Dated: 17-03-2025
Read: -

From the Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Vijayawada,
Lr.No.920/C/2022, Dated:10.10.2024.

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ORDER:

In the circumstances reported by the Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, in the reference read above Government after careful examination, hereby accord permission to the Commissioner of Fisheries, AP., for introducing licensing system in Munchingiputtu Back Waters (Matsyagedda) Reservoir of Alluri Sitharama Raju District from Fasli 1434 in the interest of fishermen living in and around Munchingiputtu Back Waters (Matsyagedda) Reservoir with the fees prescribed and subject to the condition that fishing shall not be undertaken during the conservation period. The draft rules and terms and conditions furnished in the reference read above are also accepted, and appended to this order.

2. The Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, shall give licenses to all the eligible skilled fishermen strictly following the rules and instructions as prescribed and take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To:
The Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada
The Commissioner of Command Area Development, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner of Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada
The District Collector, Alluri Sitharama Raju District.
Copy to:
The Water Resource Department.
The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department
The Revenue Department.
SC/SF

// FORWARDED: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

(G.O.Rt.No.96 , Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries (Fish) Department, Dated.)

(Draft Rules for introducing Licensing system in Munchingiputtu Back Waters (Matsyagedda) Reservoir of Alluri Sitharama Raju District)

The following draft rules which it is proposed to make in the exercise of the powers conferred by the sub. section (1) of Section 6 of the Indian Fisheries Act, 1897 (Central Act 4 of 1897) to regulate and control of fishing in the reservoirs and their channels as in Schedule 'F' is hereby published for general information as required by sub-section (5) of Section 6 of the said Act.

Notice is hereby given that the said draft rules will be taken into consideration after the expiry of thirty days from the date of their publication in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette and that any objection of suggestion which may be received from any person with respect thereto, before the expiry of the said period, will be considered by the Government. Objections and suggestions should be addressed to the Special Chief Secretary to Government, Animal Husbandry, Diary Development and Fisheries, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi through the Commissioner /Director of Fisheries, Vijayawada in duplicate.

RULES

1. These rules may be called the Andhra Pradesh State (Regulation and Control of Fishing) Rules in the Munchingiputtu Back Waters (Matsyagedda) Reservoir and the channels of Alluri Sitharama Raju District.

2. DEFINITIONS: -

a. "Fishing" means any act or activity for the purpose of taking fish from any water

b. "Commissioner/Director" means the Commissioner of Fisheries/Director of Fisheries include Commissioner of Fisheries/ Director of Fisheries who is appointed under sub-section (1) of Section 3 of Indian Fisheries Act,1897 and includes any other officer on whom all or any of the powers of Commissioner/Director of Fisheries, are conferred.

c. "FISH SANCTUARY" means any area so declared by the State Government by notification for fish sanctuary in Andhra Pradesh Gazette from time to time.

d. "Inspection Officer" means the Assistant Director of Fisheries or any officer authorized by him not below the rank of Assistant Inspector of Fisheries.

e. "Competent Authority" means the Assistant Director of Fisheries or any officer authorized by him not below the rank of Assistant Inspector of Fisheries.

f. "Tackle" means any kind of apparatus, instrument or tool operated manually or mechanically in waters for catching/ harvesting of Aquatic or garnish/Plant whether live or dead.

g. "Pandijal/ Drag net" means the net operated by taking into water with one end at the shore and other end is brought to shore after shorting the net. The net is dragged to shore by men/ women at each end. Floats and weights are used.

h. "Gill Net" means the net is a long gill net with/ without weight and floats operated in shallow and deep waters.

i. "Valakattu" means the net used for fishing by fixing the net at certain place or keep the net stationary.

j. No fishing shall be permitted in the water specified in the schedule A to these rules by any contrivance.

k. No person shall fish in the waters specified in the Schedule "B" to these rules with any contrivance during the period commencing from the 1st day of July to 31st of August (Both days inclusive) of the year and no person shall fish with any nets which is 25 mm or less from knot to knot or with any basket trap or any other fixed engines whose slivers are less than 25 mm apart in the said waters during the period commencing from the 1st September to the last of June (both days inclusive) of the succeeding year.

l. The fishermen shall apply in writing, for issue of licenses to the competent authority. The terms and conditions for the issue of a license shall be as follows namely.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

a. The license shall not transferable:

b. The licensee shall be bound all the conditions prescribed from time to time during the period of license.

c. The licensee shall carry his license while fishing and shall produce on demand for inspection to the inspecting officer.

d. Fishing rights shall not be claimed as a matter of right and shall only be given under the direction of the competent authority to issue it.

e. No person shall fish in the waters specified in the license with any net whose mesh is below 25 mm from knot to knot when it is wet or any

basket trap or any other fixed engines whose slivers are below 25 mm apart during the period when/ fishing is permitted under the rules.

f. Fishes of less than 200 mm length of the varieties specified below shall, if caught be release alive in the waters.

I. Catla Catla
II. Labeo fimbriatus
III. Labeo rohita
IV. Cirhina mrigala and
V. Cyprinus carpio

g. Licensee should not operate any net of more than 150 feet in length.

h. The licensee shall not operate Pandijal (shore seine)/ Alivi net/ Maha jal, Drag net

i. A bonafide fisherman living in the villages within 10 km from the periphery of the reservoir is entitled to get the license.

j. The license shall be issued by the Assistant Director of Fisheries or any, other officer authorized by him not below the rank of an Assistant Inspector of Fisheries in the form set forth in schedule 'B' to these rules. The Assistant Director of Fisheries shall furnish a list of license holders to the local Irrigation and power authorities every year.

k. No person or persons shall catch in the water with any contrivance or by other methods, any of the fish specified in schedule 'C' to these rules which measures less than 200 mm in length during the period when fishing is permitted under the above rules and if any such of the fishes are caught, they shall be released alive into the waters.

l. No person shall fish, in the water without a valid license for the period specified in item (2) of Schedule 'B' to these rules.

m. The fees charge payable for fishing in the waters shall be as specified in schedule 'D' to these rules. A list of license holders will be furnished to local Irrigation and power authorities by the Assistant Director of Fisheries every year.

n. The Assistant Director of Fisheries or any other officer, authorized by him not below the rank of Assistant Inspector of Fisheries may cancel a license, if the licensee violates any of these rules, after giving him a reasonable opportunity to explain. If the license is cancelled, the licensee shall not be entitled for further fishing in the waters. However, the aggrieved licenses may appeal to the competent authority concerned.

o. Any person who is possession of fish within a radius of 1 km from the perimeter of reservoir (on both sides) shall give reasons to the

satisfaction of the concerned Assistant Director of Fisheries or any of the officials, authorized by him as to how he is in possession of the fish.

p. No persons shall operate a valakattupu addavala anywhere in the waters specified in schedule 'A' to these rules.

q. Not with standing anything contained, in these rules, fishing may be permitted by or with the orders of the Assistant Director of Fisheries, for the purpose of experiments for standing them in the departmental waters.

r. The Officer of the Fisheries Department, who is authorized to issue licenses under these rules, shall seize the fish caught, any type of fishing gear, craft operated and any nets used in contravene of these rules. He/She may also auction the fish so confiscated to avoid appliance. The sale proceeds of such auction shall be remitted to the Government account.

s. A Magistrate of the I class, while convicting any person for the breach of aforesaid rule or rules, orders the seize, for feature or removal of the craft and tackle or any fixed appliance.

t. Whoever commits a breach of these rules shall be punished with fine, which may extend up to Rs.500/- (Rupees Five hundred) only and when the breach is a continuing one, his license shall be liable for cancellation.

u. The licensee shall bring his catches to a specified Landing Centre and provide necessary fish catch data as and when directed by the Assistant Director of Fisheries or his nominee.

v. The licensee shall conduct fishing within the specified area in the Reservoir as may be indicated by the Assistant Director of Fisheries or his nominee in the license.

w. No person shall erect any fixed wariness to bailout water with a view to catch fish in the waters.

x. No license is permitted to use any motorized craft for fishing in the reservoirs.

y. The licensee shall surrender his catches to the District Fishermen Co-operative Societies, apex society or the authorized agency at the rates fixed by the Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

z. The licensee is prohibited fishing by poisoning, shooting, explosive substance, bombing and stupefaction.

Schedule – 'A'
(see rule 3)

1. No fishing of any sort shall be made in the water lying with 10 mts from the Reservoir Dam on either side of the Reservoir during the entire year.

2. No fishing shall be conducted within the 100 mts below the sluice gates or regulators in the Canals or distributaries of reservoirs and their channels as in schedule 'F' during the entire year.

SCHEDULE – 'B'
(see rule 5 & 8)

I. CLOSED SEASON: -

Closed season for two months from 1st July to 31st day of August (both days inclusive) of the year is to be observed in Reservoir waters and their channels as in schedule 'F' reservoirs and upto 5 Kms in its upstream.

II. MESH OR SLIVER REGULATIONS: -

Mesh regulations of 25 mm or below from knot to knot or with any basket trap or any other fixed engine whose slivers are less than 25 mm apart is imposed in the reservoirs and its areas upto an extent of 5 kms. During the period commencing from 1st September to 30th day of June of the succeeding year (both days inclusive) the reservoirs and their channels as in schedule 'F'

SCHEDULE – 'C'
(See rule – 7)

The following varieties of fishes are prohibited to be caught below 200 mm in length.

S.No.	Local Name	English/Scientific Name
1	Bochae	*Catla catla*
2	Gandae	*Labeo fimbriatus*
3	Silavathi (rohu)	*Labeo rohitha*
4	Yerra mosu	*Cirrhius mrigala*
5	Bangaru teega	*Cyprinus carpio*

SCHEDULE – 'D'
(See rule 9)

1. CRAFT: - The following crafts are only to be used for catching fish at the below mentioned licensed fee.

Sl. No.	Name of the Craft	License fee to be collected per Fasli
1	Teppas	Rs.5-00
2	Coracle/ Putti/ Arige	Rs.10-00

Craft other than the above shall not be permitted in the waters of reservoirs and their channels as in Schedule 'F'

2. TACKLE:- The following tackles are only to be used for fishing at the below mentioned licenses fee.

Sl. No.	Name of the Tackles	License fee to be collected per Fasli
1	Gill net above 100 ft and up 150 feet	Rs.100-00
2	Cast Net	Rs.50-00
3	Long line with hooks up to a maximum length of 100 ft or part thereof	Rs.75.00

SCHEDULE – 'E'

(See Rule No. 7)

FORM of LICENCE FOR FISHING IN RESERVOIR
(Reservoirs and their channels as in schedule F)

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH, DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES.

Counterfoil	Original
No. of Fishing Licenses issued for fishing in	No. Fishing License issued for fishing in
1. License No. 2. Name of the License 3. Father's Name 4. Address of the licenses with House No. etc. 5. Period for which license was issued. 6. Date of issue 7. Date of expiry 8. Fresh or renewal (If renewed Previous License No.) 9. Tackle permitted to be used 10. License fee paid	1. License No. 2. Name of the License 3. Father's Name 4. Address of the licenses with House No. etc., 5. Period for which license was issued. 6. Date of issue 7. Date of expiry 8. Fresh or renewal (If renewed Previous License No.) 9. Tackle permitted to be used 10. License fee paid
Date Signature & Designation	Date Signature & Designation

The licensee should affix his latest photo on the top right corner of the license.

(To be printed on the reverse of schedule 'E')

1. The license shall not be transferable

2. The licensee shall be bounded by the entire conditions prescribed from time to time during the period of license.

3. The licensee shall carry his license, while fishing and shall produce on demand for inspection to the inspection officer.

4. Fishing rights shall not be claimed as a matter of right and shall only be given under the discretion of competent authority to issue it.

5. No person shall fish in the waters specified in the license with any net whose mesh size is below 25 mm from knot to knot when it is wet **or** any basket trap whose slivers are below 25 mm apart during the period when fishing is permitted under the rules.

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7. No licensee should operate any net of more than 150 feet in length.

8. The licensee shall not operate Pandijal (Shore seine)/ Alivi/ Maha Jal, Drag net.

9. A bonafied fishermen living in the villages within 10 kms from the periphery of the reservoirs is entitled to get the license.

10. The licensee shall bring his catches to a specified landing centre and provide necessary fish catch data as and when directed by the Asst. Director of Fisheries or his nominee.

11. The licensee shall conduct fishing within the specified area in the reservoir as may be indicated by the Assistant Director of Fisheries or his nominee.

12. The Assistant Director of Fisheries or any other officer authorized by him not below the rank of Assistant Inspector of Fisheries may cancel a license. If the licensee violates any of these rules, after giving him a reasonable opportunity to explain the license is liable for cancellation. However, the aggrieved licensee may appeal to the Competent Authority concerned.

13. No person shall erect any fixed engines to bailout water with a view to catch fish in the waters.

14. No licensee is permitted to use any motorized craft for fishing in the reservoir.

15. The licensee shall surrender his catches to the District Fishermen Co-operative Societies, Apex. Society or the authorized agency at the rates fixed by the Commissioner/ Director of Fisheries, A.P. Vijayawada

16. The licensee is prohibited fishing by poisoning, shooting explosive substance, bombing and stupefaction.

SCHEDULE – 'F'

(See rule 1)

List of Reservoirs and their channels, to be brought under permanent licensing system.

1. Munchingiputtu Back Waters (Matsyagedda) Reservoir and its channels of Alluri Sitharama Raju District

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